

## Greenbrier Valley Conservation District 2004 EQIP Environmental Ranking Criteria

Points can only be earned when there is an environmental concern to be addressed. If the applicant is already doing the conservation practice that eliminates an environmental concern, then points will not be assigned. Points will be awarded as written on the worksheet and not arbitrarily reduced.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ Improve water quality by excluding livestock from a water body / open sinkhole. **10 points**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Improve water quality by establishing a buffer area between a water body / open sinkhole and cropland, pastureland, or feedlot. **20 points**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Develop alternate sources of drinking water for livestock in order to reduce excessive erosion or animal waste related problems to improve surface water quality. **50 points**
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Expand existing water system to improve grazing distribution. **20 points**
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce compaction, improve regeneration, and develop proper stand population on the forest landscape by excluding livestock. **10 points for eliminating livestock access to woodland**
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Convert grazing land which is too steep to be properly managed to woodland by excluding livestock. (natural regeneration is preferred and creates early successional habitat) **5 points**
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Improve water quality and provide for better utilization of animal waste nutrients by relocating an established concentrated winter feeding area (Standard Code 757 Animal Use Protection Area.) Adequate filter area will be required as outlined by the standard. **5 points**
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Improve soil quality, reduce erosion, improve animal health by developing and implementing a prescribed grazing plan. If nutrients will be applied a Nutrient Management Plan will be developed based on a current soil test. Farmer must be given management worksheet so they understand the requirements of this practice.
  - 9+ days grazing cycle = **2 points**
  - 5-8 days grazing cycle = **4 points**
  - 1-4 days grazing cycle = **6 points**
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Utilize extended grazing to reduce feeding periods (after November 15), as part of a prescribed grazing plan. (minimum height of grass to be maintained per 528A standard)
  - 1 month extended grazing = **2 points**
  - 2 month extended grazing = **4 points**
  - 3 month extended grazing = **6 points**

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10. \_\_\_\_\_ Increase forage quality and quantity with a pasture planting. Cost-share will be provided for seed, labor and equipment. (warm season grass plantings are encouraged) **5 points**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Divert overland flow or over head flow of clean water from existing permanent livestock feeding areas, i.e. diversions or gutters. **2 points**

12. \_\_\_\_\_ Reduce surface and /or ground water quality problems by implementing an animal waste management system. Refer to definition of animal waste facility in Technical Guide, Section IV.

**Distance + Slope + Direct Discharge = Points**

<b>Distance (ft) to stream, sinkhole or concentrated flow</b>
1 – 50 = <b>15 points</b>
51 – 100 = <b>12 points</b>
101 – 200 = <b>8 points</b>
200 + = <b>5 points</b>

<b>Direct discharge to flowing stream or open sinkhole</b>
<b>5 points</b>

<b>Slope</b>
0 – 3 % = <b>1 point</b>
4 – 8 % = <b>2 points</b>
9 – 15 % = <b>3 points</b>
16 - 25 % = <b>4 points</b>
25% + = <b>5 points</b>

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